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NOMENCLATURE

 ${\tt M}_{\!_{\!_{\infty}}}$ Free-stream Mach number

P_t Total pressure, psfa

RTDM Model diffuser pressure recovery

T_t Total temperature, °F

TPR Tunnel pressure ratio

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The work reported herein was conducted by the Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC), Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) under Program Element 65807F. The project monitor was Capt. S. R. Lamkin. The test was conducted by ARO, Inc., AEDC Division (a Sverdrup Corporation Company), operating contractor for the AEDC, AFSC, Arnold Air Force Station, Tennessee, under ARO Project Number P41A-02. The test was conducted from April 21 through May 11, 1978 and from August 11 through September 5, 1978, in the Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (1T) of the Propulsion Wind Tunnel Facility (PWT).

The purpose of the test was to evaluate the potential of diffuser modifications to improve the performance and decrease the energy consumption of Tunnel 16T. Data were obtained at tunnel free-stream Mach numbers from 0.6 to 1.5. Static and total pressures were measured in the test section and the model diffuser for each geometric modification.

The final data from this test have been retained at AEDC for analysis. Requests for these data should be addressed to the Director of Test Engineering (AEDC/DOTR), Arnold Air Force Station, Tennessee 37389.

2.0 APPARATUS

2.1 TEST FACILITY

The Aerodynamic Wind Tunnel (1T) is a continuous flow wind tunnel capable of being operated at Mach numbers from 0.20 to 1.50 at a stilling chamber pressure of approximately 2850 psfa and a stagnation temperature which varies from approximately 80 to 120°F above ambient air temperature. The test section is 12-in. square in cross section and 37.50-in. long. Figure la shows the Tunnel 1T test section configuration. Additional information about the tunnel, its capabilities, and operating characteristics is given in Ref. 1.

2.2 TEST INSTALLATION

2.2.1 Test Section

The test section of Tunnel 1T was altered to simulate the aerodynamic test section of Tunnel 16T; however, standard 1T

porous wall liners were utilized. Figure 1b shows the installation of the test section components in Tunnel 1T. The test section top and bottom walls included a one-sixteenth scale model of the Tunnel 16T aerodynamic test section bulge region. Testing was conducted with both porous and solid sidewalls in the bulge region. A centerline static pipe was also installed on a one-sixteenth scale model of the Tunnel 16T sting support system. For a portion of the test, a blunt leading edge was installed on the sting support strut as shown in Fig. 2.

2.2.2 Model Diffuser

The diffuser installed in Tunnel 1T was a 1/16-scale model of the diffuser of Tunnel 16T. Figure 3 shows the installation of the model diffuser in 1T. The model diffuser consisted of four major components: the rectangular section, the transition section, the conical section, and the scavenging scoop. Other important elements which simulated the Tunnel 16T diffuser include the scoop tips, the reentry air flaps, the turnout strut, and a simulated compressor pro-The dimensions and configurations of the tection screen. three diffuser sections were scaled from the drawings of the full-scale diffuser, but some differences in scaling the scavenging scoop were necessary. In Tunnel 16T, the downstream end of the scavenging scoop flairs into a horizontal airfoil shaped turnout strut which functions as the downstream support for the scoop and as a conduit for removal of the scavenged flow from the tunnel and the entry of makeup air. Fabrication costs for scaling that portion of the scoop and the turnout strut would have been excessive. Therefore, the model scoop was designed as a combined support strut and equivalent body of revolution giving the same annular geometric flow area as exists in Tunnel 16T to the trailing edge of the turnout strut.

2.2.3 Scoop Tips

For aerodynamic testing in Tunnel 16T, the upstream end of the scavenging scoop is closed with a conical tip as indicated by Fig. 3. One modification of the model diffuser involved replacement of the conical tip with a secant ogive tip on the assumption that the streamlined contour of the latter would reduce pressure losses through the diffuser. Dimensions and contours of the two scaled tips are shown in Fig. 4.

2.2.4 Splitter

For supersonic test section Mach numbers, the flow is assumed to be bifurcated by the model support strut at the entrance to the diffuser. On the assumption that an

interaction between shock systems behind the strut might be responsible for excessive pressure loss, a solid surface (splitter) was installed in the rectangular section of the diffuser as illustrated by Fig. 5. The splitter extended from the inlet of the rectangular section to a point downstream of the tip of the scavenging scoop.

2.2.5 Corner Fillers

Separation of flow in the corners of the rectangular section is a possible loss mechanism. Two corner filler configurations were tested. The solid corner filler, Fig. 6a, had solid surfaces exposed to the airflow. The baffle corner filler design had a baffled surface as shown in Fig. 6b. The baffles were intended to energize the boundary layer in the corners to minimize the possible effects of flow separation.

2.2.6 Screens

The initial 1T model diffuser configuration did not include a simulated compressor protection screen. not intended as a geometric modification for improving diffuser performance, a screen was installed to simulate the compressor protective screen in Tunnel 16T during the latter part of the first entry. The axial location of the simulated screen in the conical section of the model diffuser is shown by Fig. 7a. The screen was made in two sections. An upstream view showing one-half of the screen in place during installation is shown in Fig. 7b. The initial screen installation, Screen No. 1, included two layers of 2.25 mesh, 0.072-inch wire on the upstream face of a sheet metal framework. Since larger than planned pressure losses resulted using Screen No. 1, a second screen, Screen No. 2, was designed and installed during the second test entry. Screen No. 2 utilized only one layer of 2.25 mesh, 0.072-inch wire.

2.2.7 Partial Scavenging Scoop

The scavenging scoop was separated at Sta. 93.56 and the upstream portion of the scoop was removed and replaced with an ogive-shaped closure shown in Fig. 8. Thus, the scavenging scoop was removed from the diffuser in the high Mach number region of the diffuser flow (upstream).

2.3 TEST INSTRUMENTATION

The performance of the model diffuser and the effect of geometric modifications were evaluated from static and total pressure measurements. The pressure measurements included 66 wall static pressures on the diffuser shell and 35 static pressures on the surface of the scavenging scoop. These pressures were positioned as listed in Table 1. As shown in Figs. 9 and 10, 32 total pressures (four rakes) at the diffuser inlet (Sta. 37.5) and 97 total pressures (eight rakes and one centerline tap) at the diffuser exit (Sta. 163.83) were measured during parts of the testing.

A 1-in.-diam static pressure pipe was used to obtain centerline static pressure distributions. The pipe was attached to the sting support system and extended into the stilling chamber to eliminate pipe nose disturbances. A total of 28 pipe orifices were utilized to measure the pressure distribution along the test section centerline. As shown in Table 1, the centerline pressure distributions were obtained from Stations 0 to 27.

The static and total pressures were measured by transducers installed in Scanivalves (R). The plenum chamber pressure was measured by a self-balancing precision manometer. The tunnel stilling chamber pressure was measured by a 15-psi differential transducer utilizing a vacuum reference. The tunnel plenum and reentry airflows were calculated from pressures measured across square-edged orifices. The orifice upstream and differential pressures were measured by 5-psi differential transducers.

An attempt was made to measure the net force acting on the model diffuser as a means of evaluating the performance of the diffuser. The model diffuser was mounted on flexures and load cells were used for force measurement. Inconsistent tares were encountered, and force measurements were discontinued at an early stage in the test program.

3.0 TEST DESCRIPTION

3.1 TEST PROCEDURE

Steady-state data were taken at each Mach number tested. The tunnel pressure ratio was varied at each Mach number to the lowest possible ratio which maintained constant test

section Mach number. The reentry airflow was matched to the suction flow through the test section walls to simulate Tunnel 16T operational techniques. The opening set for the reentry air flaps was optimized by setting the minimum opening which did not choke the reentry airflow. Early in the second entry, flap position setting of 75% of full open was found to be adequate for all flow settings and was used thereafter. Normal tunnel operating procedures were used except that a Mach number 1.10 nozzle was normally set for runs at Mach 1.10. A test summary by part number is presented in Table 2.

3.2 DATA REDUCTION

The standard Tunnel 1T data acquisition and data reduction equations, together with online and offline project peculiar data reduction equations were used to reduce the data to engineering units. Standard tunnel parameters, model pressures, and diffuser performance indices such as tunnel pressure ratio, flow rates, inlet and exit Mach numbers, pressure loss coefficients, and pressure recovery, were computed, tabulated, and stored on magnetic tape. Selected pressure data were displayed on a CRT in the control room.

Mach number and total pressure were computed at the various stations in the model diffuser on the basis of continuity, the measured static pressures, and the assumption of one-dimensional flow. The mass flow rate, total temperature, and geometric flow area were known at each station, and in conjunction with the measured static pressure were used in the continuity relationship to obtain the one-dimensional Mach number. That value for Mach number, the measured static pressure, and the isentropic relationship were used to obtain the one-dimensional station total pressure.

3.3 MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

The estimated uncertainty (a combination of systematic and random error) in Mach number and other wind tunnel parameters were estimated from repeat calibrations of the instrumentation against secondary standards whose precisions are traceable to the National Bureau of Standards calibration equipment. The instrument uncertainties were combined using the method described in Ref. 2 to estimate the uncertainties of the tunnel standard and test parameters shown below and in Fig. 11.

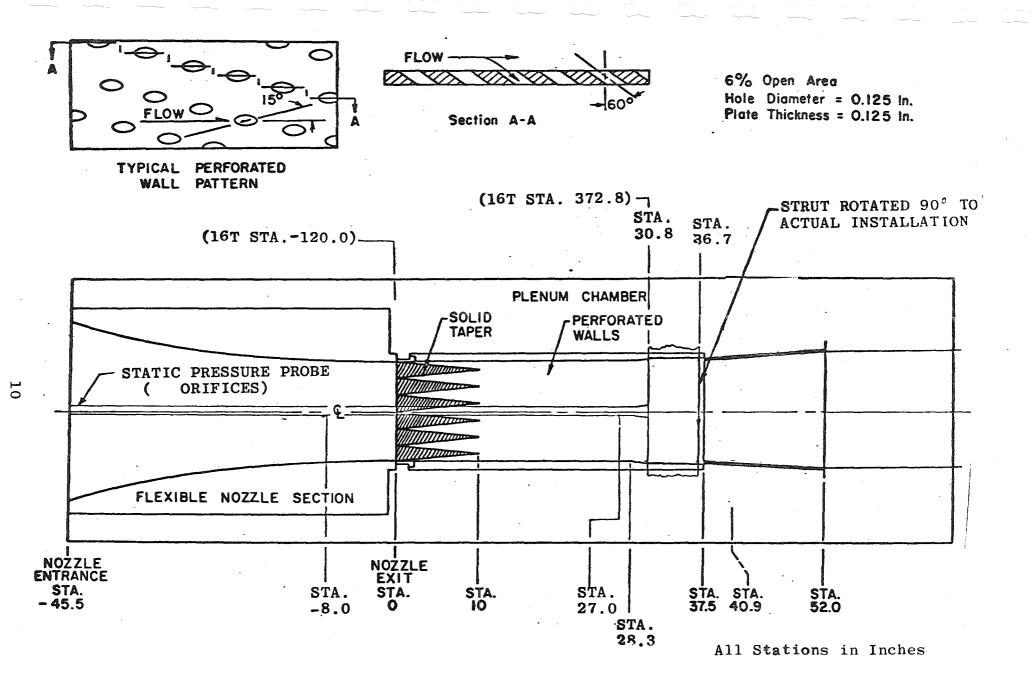
Parameter	$\Delta \mathbf{M}_{\infty}$	P ₊	\mathtt{T}_{+}	TPR	RTDM
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Uncertainties	±0.005	±3.1 psf	±4.1°F	±1.6%	±0.0036 psf

4.0 DATA PACKAGE PRESENTATION

A sample of the tabulated summary data is shown in Table 3. The nomenclature for the summary data is presented in Table 4. The data have been retained at AEDC for analysis.

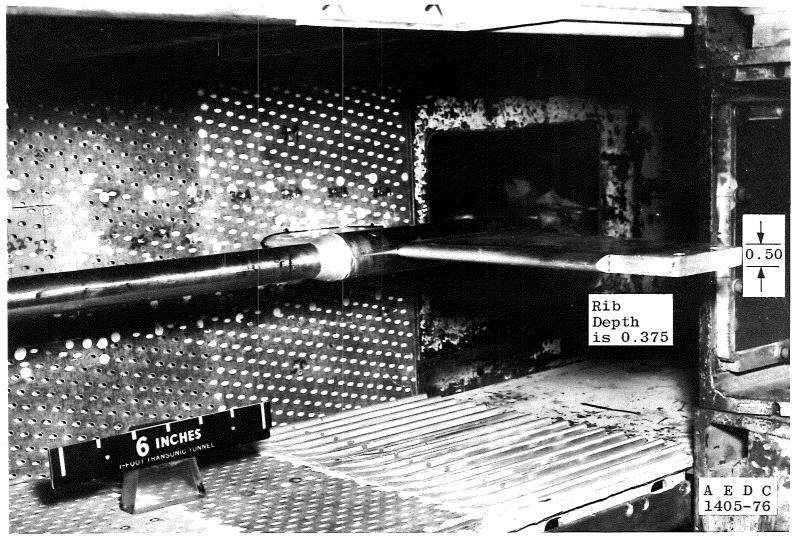
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a. Test Section Dimensions

Figure 1. Tunnel 1T Test Section Installation



b. Tunnel 16T Aerodynamic Test Section Simulation Figure 1. Concluded

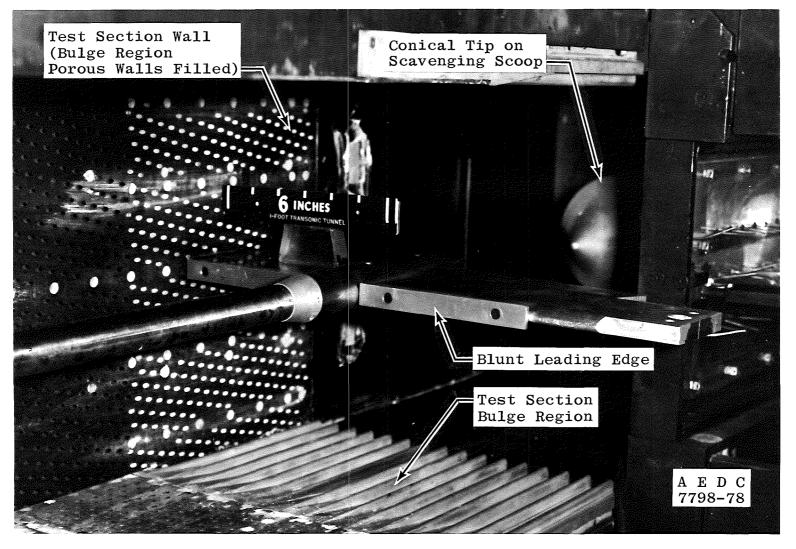


Figure 2. Blunt Strut Leading Edge

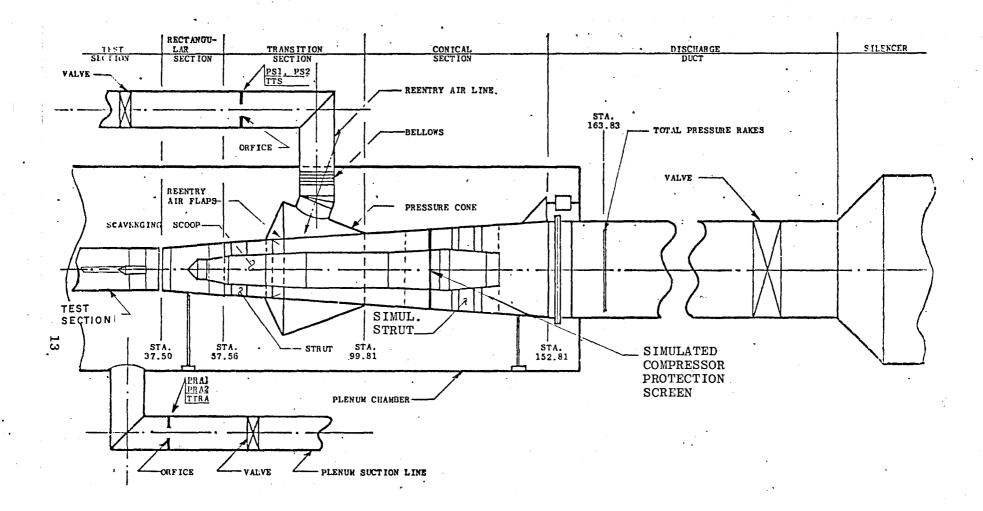


Figure 3. Tunnel 16T Model Diffuser in Tunnel 1T

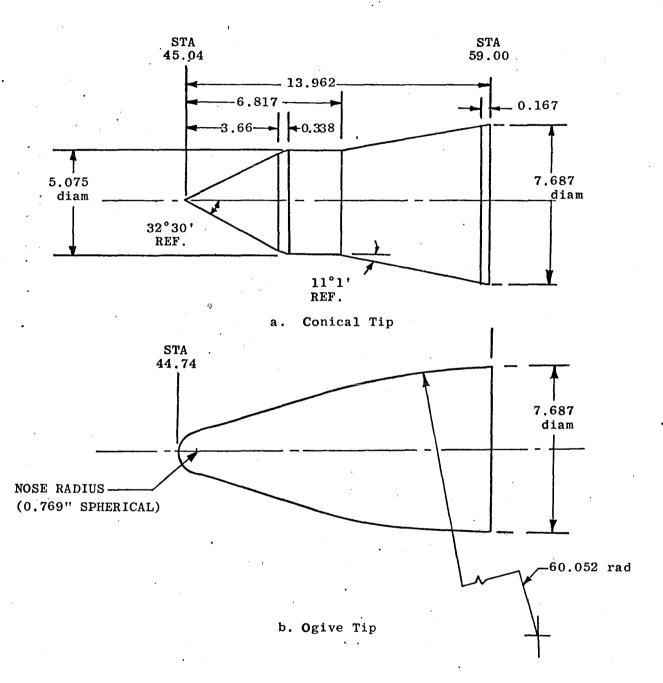
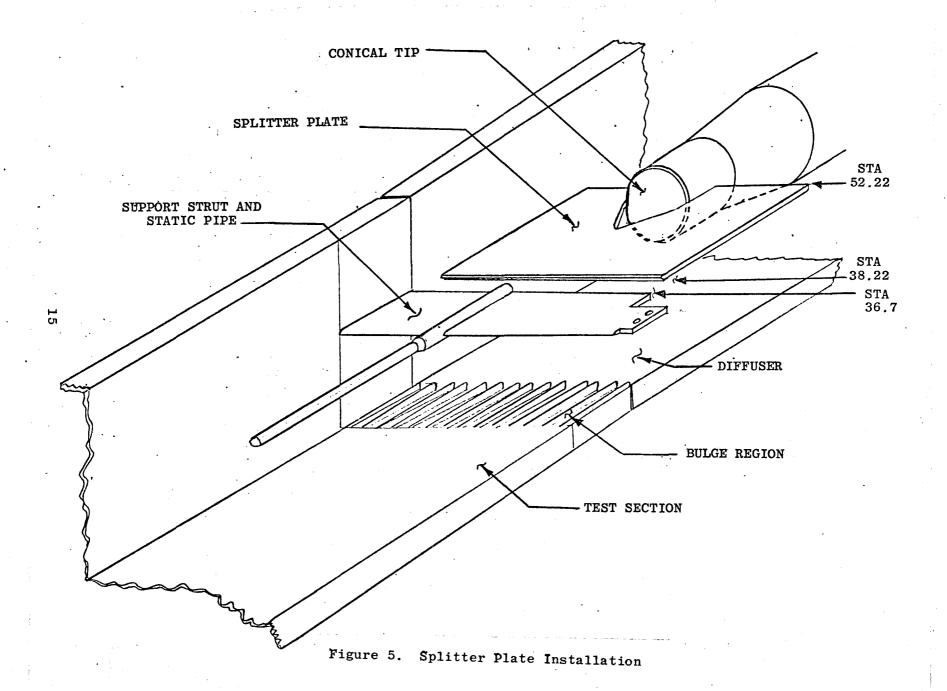
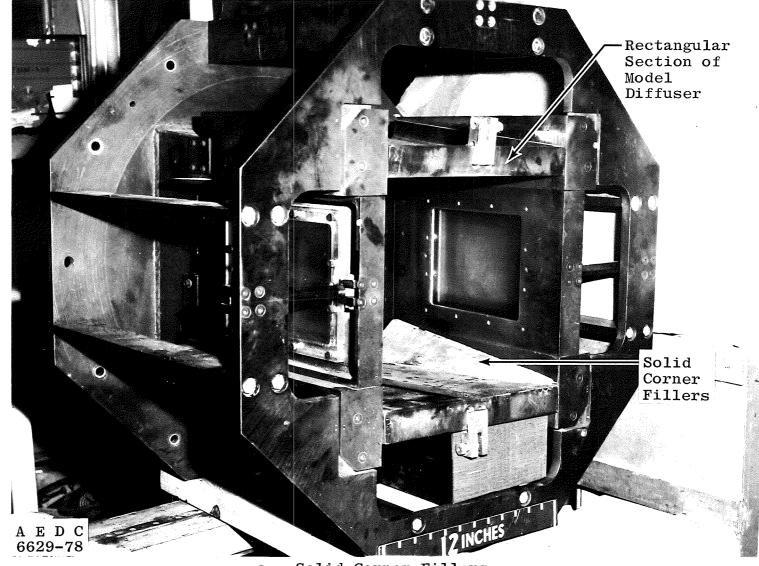


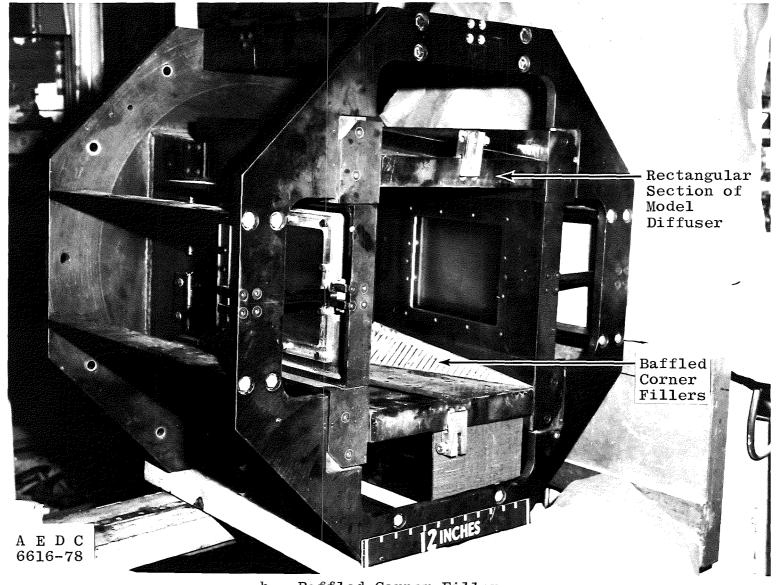
Figure 4. Scavenging Scoop Tips



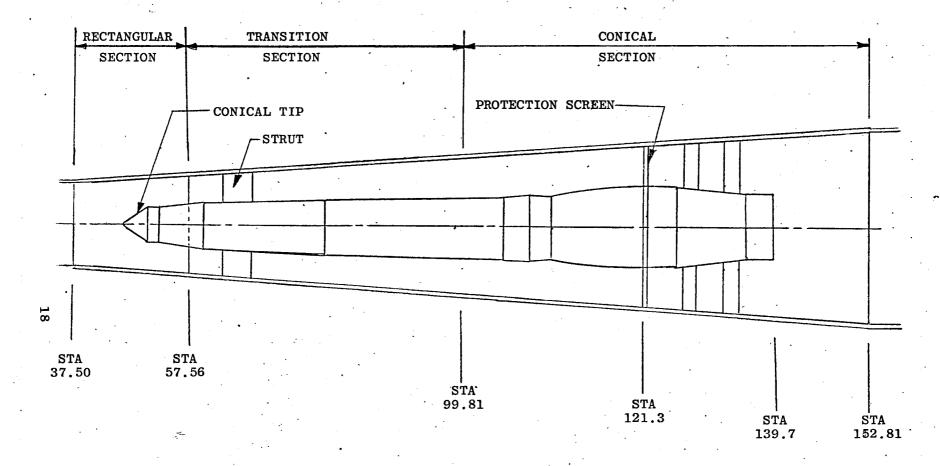


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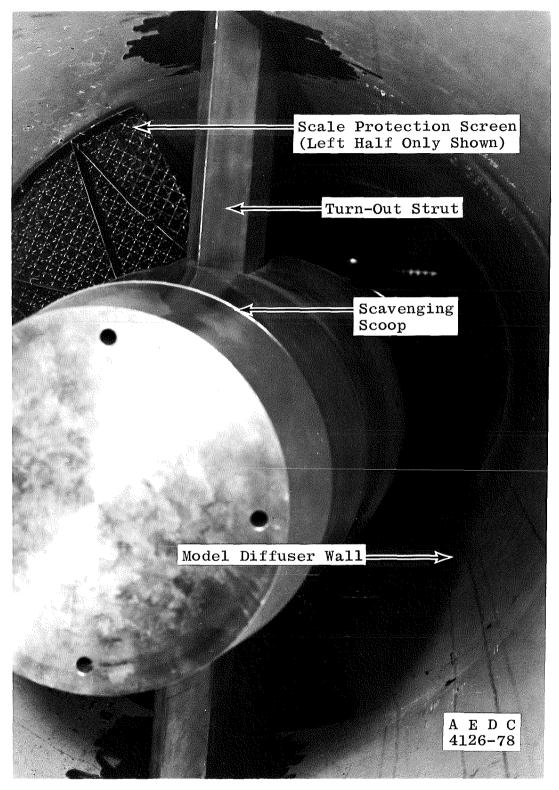
Figure 6. Corner Filler Installation



b. Baffled Corner FillerFigure 6. Concluded



a. Location
Figure 7. Simulated Compressor Protection Screen



b. Installation Figure 7. Concluded

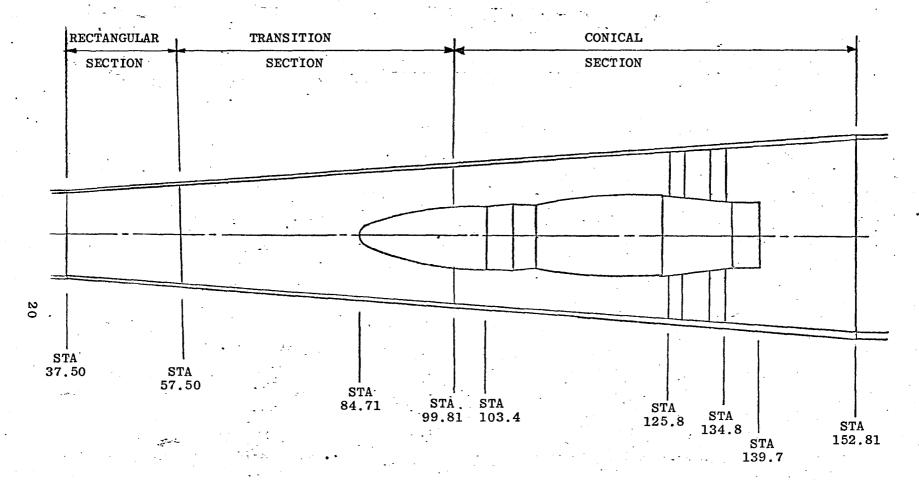


Figure 8. Partial Scavenging Scoop

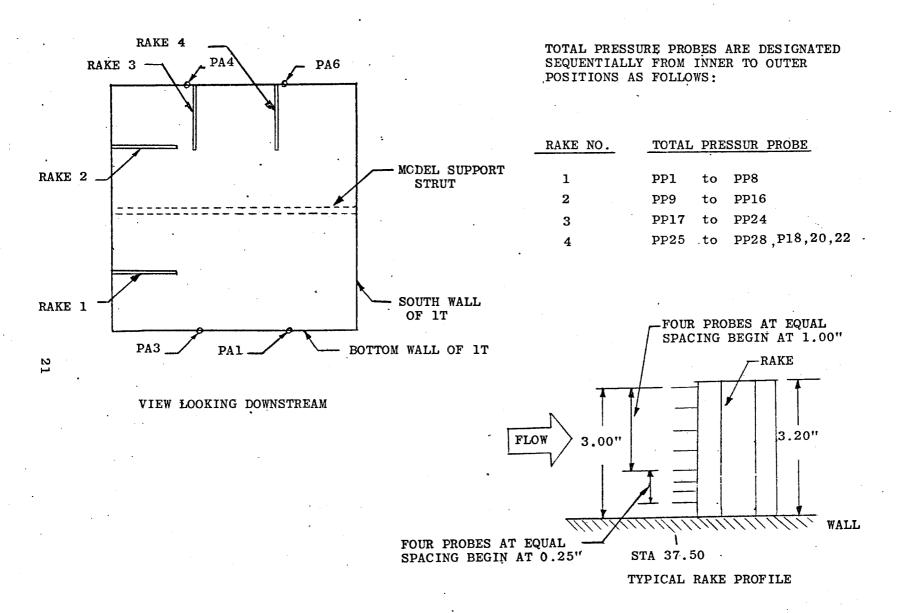
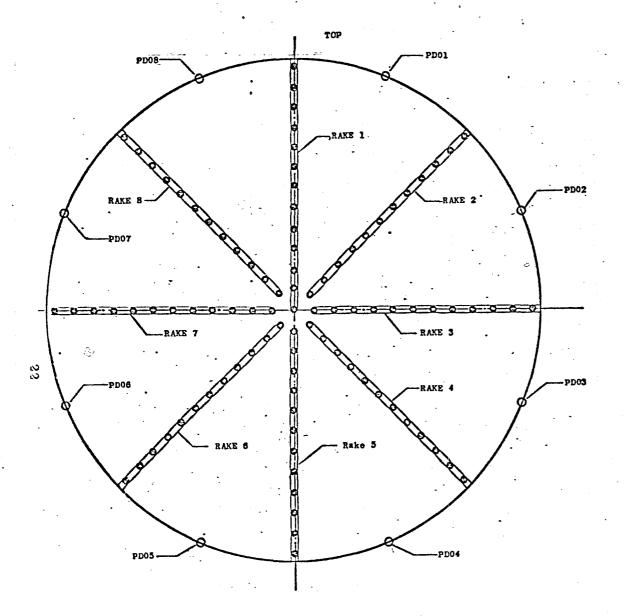


Figure 9. Upstream Total Pressure Rakes



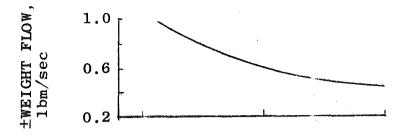
RAKES ARE DESIGNATED SEQUENTIALLY CLOCKWISE IN DOWNSTREAM VIEW AS INDICATED.

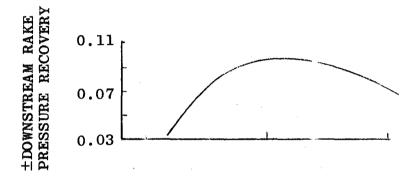
TOTAL PRESSURE PROBES ARE DESIGNATED SEQUENTIALLY FROM OUTER TO INNER RADIAL POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS -

RAKE NO.		TOTAL PRE	SSIT	F PRODES	
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2		PTD201	10	P27212	
3		PTD301	to	PT1312	
4		PfD401	to	PTD412	
5.		PTD501	to	PTE512	
6 .		PTD601	to	PT0012	
, 7		PTD701	to	PT0712	٠,
8	•	PTD801	to	PTD812	

PFF DWT DWG DAGGES

Figure 10. Downstream Total Pressure Rakes





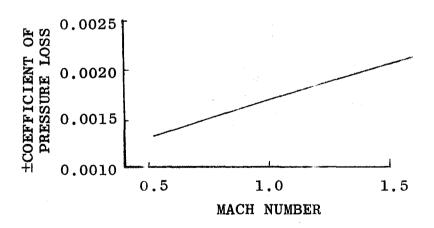


Figure 11. Estimated Uncertainties in Parameters

TABLE 1. STATIC ORIFICE LOCATIONS

Centerline	Static Pipe	Diffuser Wal	Rectangular	Diffuser Wall	Transition	Diffuser W	all Conical	Sc	avenging Sc	:00р
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Station, in.	Nomenclature	Station, in.	Nomenclature	Station, in.	Nomenclature	Station, in.	Nomenclature	Conical Tip	Ogive Tip	Nomenclature
0.0	PP 1					103.48	PC 1	45.04	44.74	PE 01
1.0	PP 2	38.25	PA 1	59.11	PB 1	106.21	PC 2	46.26	47.12	PE 02
2.0	PP 3	38.25	PA 2	62.03	PB 2	108.94	PC 3	47.48	49.50	PE 03
3.0	PP 4	38.25	PA 3	64.95	PB 3	110.67	PC 4	50.45	51.83	PE 04
4.0	PP 5	38.25	PA '4	67.88	PB 4	114.39	PC 5	54.24	54.26	PE 05
5.0	PP 6	38.25	PA 5	70.80	PB 5	117.12	PC 6	56.62	56.64	PE 06
6.0	PP 7	38.25	PA 6	73.53	PB 6	119.86	PC 7	59.	00	PE 07
7.0	PP 8	39.25	PA 7	76.26	PB 7	122.58	PC 8	61.	93	PE 08
8.0	PP 9	40.25	PA 8	78.98	PB 8	125.31	PC 9	64.	89	PE 09
9.0	PP 10	41.25	PA 9	81.71	PB 9	128.04	PC 10	67.	77	PE 10
10.0	· PP 11	42.25	PA 10	84.44	PB 10	130.76	PC 11	70.	70	PE 11
11.0	PP 12	43.25	PA 11	87.16	PB 11	133.49	PC 12	73.	42	PE 12
12.0	PP 13	44.25	PA 12	89.89	PB 12	136.22	PC 13	76.	15	PE 13
13.0	PP 14	45.25	PA 13	92.62	PB 13	138.95	PC 14	78.	88	PE 14
14.0	PP 15	46.25	PA 14	95.34	PB 14	141.67	PC 15	81.	60	PE 15
15.0	PP 16	47.25	PA 15	98.07	PB 15	144.40	PC 16	84.	84.33	
16.0	PP 17	48.25	PA 16		*	147.13	PC 17	87.	87.06	
17.0	PP 18	49.25	PA 17			149.85	PC 18	89.	89.79	
18.0	PP 19	50.25	PA 18			·		92.	92.51	
19.0	PP 20	51.25	PA 19			!	** *	98.	03	PE 20
20.0	PP 21	52.25	PA 20			163.83	PD 1	100.	75	PE 21
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22.0	PP 23	54.25	PA 22			163.83	PD 3	106.	21	PE 23
23.0	PP 24	55.25	PA 23			163.83	PD 4	108.	93	PE 24
24.0	PP 25	56.25	PA 24			163.83	PD 5	111.	66	PE 25
25.0	PP 26	57.25	PA 25			163.83	PD 6	114.	39	PE 26
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27.0	PP 28					163.83	PD 8	119.	84	PE 28
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TABLE 2. TEST SUMMARY

		Tes	t Sect	ion			Mode		Configuration No.				
Part	$ m M_{\infty}$		9	Blunt	i		Splitter	Solid	Scr	een	Test	Model	
Range	Range	Walls	Walls	lls L.E. Tip Tip Sprice		Spircei	Corners	Corners	1	2	Section	Diffuser	
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^{*}Scoop and Screens Removed

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Table 4. TABULATED DATA NOMENCLATURE

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Line 1

TEST

Test number

PART

Data part number (a data subset containing variations of only one independent parameter)

POINT

Test point (a single record of all test

parameters)

TEST SECTION CONFIGURATION

Code signifying one of several geometric configurations of the model test section

DIFFUSER CONFIGURATION Code signifying one of several geometric configurations of the model diffuser

DATE

Date of data acquisition, month/day/year

HR MIN SEC

Time of data acquisition, hr:min:sec

Line 2

M

Free-stream Mach number

PT

Total pressure, psfa

P

Free-stream static pressure, psfa

0

Free-stream dynamic pressure, psfa

TT

Total temperature, °F

η'n

Free-stream static temperature, °R

RX10⁻⁶

Unit Reynolds number, per foot

WT

Test section weight flow, lbm/sec

TPR

Tunnel pressure ratio

WA

Average test section wall angle, deg

WS/WT

Ratio of weight flow through test section

walls to tunnel weight flow

PC

Tunnel 1T plenum pressure, psfa

Table 4. Continued

Line 3-4 (PART 200-214)

Test Section Static Pipe - Pressures

PPx Static pressure on test section centerline (see Table 1)

(PART 214-300, 400-438)

PPx (x = 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) Static pressure in bulge region "above" model support strut

PPx (x = 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24) Static pressure in bulge region "below" model support strut

PPx (x = 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 28)Static pressure on test section centerline

(PART 301-316)

PPx Rake total pressure at diffuser inlet (see Fig. 7a), psfa

Line 5-6

Diffuser, Rectangular Section - Static Pressure

PAx (x = 1 to 25) Static pressures on rectangular diffuser wall, psfa

Line 7-8

Diffuser, Transition Section - Static Pressure

PBx (x = 1 to 15) Static pressures on transition section wall, psfa

Line 9-10

Diffuser, Conical Section - Static Pressure

PCx (x = 1 to 18) Static pressures on conical section wall, psfa

Line 11-13

Scavenging Scoop - Static Pressure

PEx (x = 1 to 35) Static pressures on surface of scavenging scoop, psfa

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Page 2	
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Line 2-9	
Press	sure Rake - Total Pressure
PTDxxx	(xxx - see Fig. 8 for location) Total pressures at exit of diffuser, psfa
Line 10	
PDx	(x = 1 to 8) Static pressures on wall at Station 163.83
Line ll	
	Flow Rates
WT	Test section weight flow, lbm/sec
WS	Test section suction weight flow, lbm/sec
WRA	Return air weight flow, lbm/sec
	Suction Flow Orifice
PS1	Upstream orifice static pressure, psfa
PS2	Downstream orifice static pressure, psfa
DELPS	Static pressure difference across suction airflow orifice, psfa
CWS1	Suction orifice flow constant 1
CWS2	Suction orifice flow constant 2
	Reentry Flow Orifice

PRAL

PRA2

Upstream orifice static pressure, psfa

Downstream orifice static pressure, psfa

Table 4. Continued

DELPRA	Static pressure difference across reentry airflow orifice, psfa
CWRA1	Reentry air orifice flow constant 1
CWRA2	Reentry air orifice flow constant 2
Line 12	
· <u>E</u>	oiffuser Inlet - Station 38.25
PA16M	Mean static pressure at diffuser inlet, psfa
PTAL	One-dimensional total pressure at diffuser inlet, psfa
AMAAl	One-dimensional Mach number at diffuser inlet, psfa
ARAAl	Geometric flow area at diffuser inlet, ft2
<u> </u>	oiffuser Outlet - Station 163.83
PDM	Average static pressure at diffuser outlet, psfa
PTDM	Average total pressure at diffuser outlet, psfa
AMADMĆ	One-dimensional Mach number at diffuser outlet, psfa
PTDMC	One-dimensional total pressure at diffuser outlet, psfa
Line 13	
	PL Coefficients
CPLTS	Pressure loss coefficient through test section
CPLMD	Pressure loss coefficient through model diffuser
	Pressure Cone

Static pressure in pressure cone, psfa

PPC

Table 4. Concluded

Static pressure just downstream of reentry air flaps in model diffuser, psfa PB8

Reentry air flaps position, counts RAFP

Pressure Recovery

RTDMC Calculated model diffuser pressure recovery

RTDM Model diffuser pressure recovery